

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 TRUMAN
SCHOLARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2022 Truman Scholars.

These 58 individuals were chosen from an applicant pool of 705. These students were nominated based on their records of leadership, public service, and academic achievement.

They are: Haleemat Y. Adekoya, Cameron H. Adkins, Julian R. Applebaum, Lorena Bonet Velazquez, Jilkiah L. Bryant, Fatimata D. Cham, Ji Hye Choi, Mariah Choiniere, Alton Coston, Gabriel Echarte, James H. Elliott II, Adam H. Elzarka, Tal Feldman, Rosalie Fish, Andy A. Flores, Beatrix A. Frissell, Robyn L. Griffiths-Harper, Christine J. Groves, Avi Gupta, Beyonce Hammond, Abril N. Hunter, Bhav Jain, Alixandria James, Jack Jowers, Sawa Kamara, Amisha A. Kambath, Hana Kamran, Eshika Kaul, Liana S. Keesing, Liberty R. Ladd, Jamie Landy, Jessica S. Lau, Allen Li, John C. Lin, Erin Lowe, Madison I. Marsh, Kelsey E. Matthews, Ranen Miao, Armando A. Montero, Abrianna E. Morales, Owen Mortner, Mariama L. Mwilambwe, Xalma M. Palomino, Veronica Bonifacio Penales, Emily Quan, Natalia V. Rios Martinez, Dawry Ruiz, Oksanna Samey, Maddi S. Schink, Katie Sleichter, Cooper E. Smith, Irene Soteriou, Rachel Stewart, Emma Story, Loyal D. Terry, Cassandra J. Thompson, Rebecca Townley, and Sydney J. Walker.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman's legacy of extraordinary public service. The Truman Scholarship serves as a living monument to that legacy. As a former Truman scholar myself, I look forward to seeing how this class continues that legacy.

CONGRATULATING KENDALL EVELYN
MARCHANT ON HER GRADUATION FROM THE HOCKADAY
SCHOOL

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kendall Evelyn Marchant, who is the granddaughter of my distinguished former colleague, Congressman Kenny Marchant, on her graduation from The Hockaday School on May 14, 2022. Kendall was born on December 19, 2003, in Dallas County, Texas to Lindsay (Hill) and Matthew Marchant. She is the sister of Hayden Marchant and the granddaughter of Kenny and Donna Marchant and Rod and Sherry Hill.

Kendall has attended the world-renowned Hockaday School since pre-kindergarten and has consistently made her family proud through her numerous academic and non-academic achievements. During high school, Kendall was on the Head of School List every semester, in addition to earning the Senior History Award, a Gold Medal and a Silver Medal

in the National Spanish Exam, and the AP Scholar with Honor distinction.

Kendall also pursued numerous extracurriculars while at The Hockaday School, serving as a member of the school's Honor Council and the co-president of the Hockaday Young Republicans. Due to her keen interest in film, Kendall founded the Hockaday Film Society, where she also served as the group's president. Additionally, Kendall's submission to the All-American High School Film Festival was chosen as an Official Selection, demonstrating her talent in the field.

Finishing out the triple crown of her scholastic accomplishments, Kendall is also a phenomenal athlete who played lacrosse, softball, and was a 3-year member of the varsity basketball team, where she served as Captain in her senior year. Her athletic awards include the Split H award and the Athlete of the Week.

Outside of school, Kendall is very involved with helping her community. She volunteers at the First Baptist Church of Carrollton as an engagement leader and mentor and serves as a tutor with the North Texas Reading Partners Program. She also volunteered at Metrocrest Services during critical months of the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to provide food to the most vulnerable.

Lastly, Kendall served as a crew member at the AMC Northpark Theater in 2021 and was active with the North Dallas YoungLife program.

Kendall is most importantly a wonderful and caring daughter, sister, niece, cousin, and granddaughter to her loving family members. She will attend Baylor University in the Fall of 2022 as a University Scholar, with concentrations in History and Neuroscience with a minor in Creative Writing.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Kendall Marchant on her graduation from The Hockaday School and wish her success at Baylor University.

CELEBRATING 50 YEAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN QATAR AND THE
U.S.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the 50-year relationship between the United States and Qatar.

In addition to serving as the Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Qatar, I serve on both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee. I am grateful for the opportunity to work closely with Qatar both diplomatically and strategically.

The United States established diplomatic relations with Qatar following its independence from the United Kingdom in 1971. Officially, the beginning of diplomatic relations took place on March 19, 1972, when American diplomat William Stoltzfus met with Qatari government officials and submitted his credentials. Bilateral relations between the two countries expanded when the U.S. opened its embassy in Doha in March 1973; and when the first resident U.S. Ambassador, Robert Peter Paganelli, arrived in July 1974.

The United States and Qatar cooperate militarily and strategically on security in the re-

gion. One of the earliest and most notable military cooperation's between the U.S. and Qatar was in 1991, when joint military operations were conducted against Saddam Hussein's Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. In the aftermath, both nations agreed upon the need for a Defense Cooperation Agreement. This pact, which has subsequently been expanded, has served as the basis for our military collaboration.

In 1996, Qatar built Al Udeid Air Base to further security ties between our countries. In 1999, then Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad, told U.S. officials that he "would like to see as many as 10,000 U.S. servicemen permanently stationed at Al Udeid." The U.S. first used the then-secret base in late September 2001, when the Air Force needed to get aircraft in position for its operations in Afghanistan. In April 2003, the U.S. Combat Air Operations Center for the Middle East moved from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia to Qatar, underscoring the importance of Qatar to the American presence and objectives in the region.

Al Udeid is now home to the largest U.S. military base in the Middle East and more notably Qatar is not only allowing expansion of Al Udeid, but also funding it and managing the construction. In fact, the Qatari government has provided over \$8 billion in funding for Al Udeid Air Base since 2003. After renovations and expansions, Al Udeid will be able to accommodate up to 120 aircraft and 10,000 troops, just like then Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad had wished for.

Personally, I am grateful that the U.S. Air Forces Central Command is headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina and has a forward headquarters in Qatar. As the air component of CENTCOM, AFCENT is responsible for air operations, either unilaterally or in concert with coalition partners, and for developing contingency plans in support of national objectives for CENTCOM's 20-nation area of responsibility.

Qatar has been an invaluable partner on several diplomatic fronts. Qatar quietly assisted in ending the Israel-Hamas war in May 2021 and continues to be helpful in seeking to improve Israeli relations with Palestinians. Qatar played a significant role in the evacuation of more than 100,000 people from Afghanistan after the disastrous withdrawal by the Biden Administration. Qatar facilitated vetting of individuals seeking to leave the country and organized aspects of their departure. Many of the flights that enabled people to evacuate were by way of Qatari airlines. In addition, a large percentage of the new refugees were brought to Qatar, which arranged housing and other shelter for them as well as food, medicine and other provisions. At one point, the Qatari military was providing over 50,000 meals per day to the newly arrived refugees. There are still thousands of Afghan refugees in Qatar, where they continue to receive much needed care and assistance.

In addition to security and diplomatic relations, the United States and Qatar have extensive economic ties. As Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and its single largest source of imports, the United States has developed a robust trade relationship with Qatar, with over 120 U.S. companies operating in country. U.S. exports to Qatar increased by 47.7 percent from 2018 to 2019, totaling \$6.5 billion in 2019.